

## [CHAPTER 738]

## AN ACT

To authorize the rank of rear admiral in the Dental Corps of the United States Navy.

December 17, 1942  
[S. 2769]  
[Public Law 807]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the rank of rear admiral in the grade of dental surgeon is hereby established in the Dental Corps of the United States Navy, and dental officers shall become eligible for selection and promotion to this rank under the provisions governing the selection and promotion of other staff officers to the rank of rear admiral contained in the Act of June 10, 1926, or in existing law: *Provided*, That there shall not be more than one officer in the Dental Corps in the permanent rank of rear admiral, exclusive of additional numbers. The pay, allowances, and retirement for rear admiral, Dental Corps, shall be the same as for other officers of equal rank and length of service.

Dental Corps,  
Navy.  
Establishment of  
rank of rear admiral.

44 Stat. 717.  
34 U. S. C. §§ 348-  
348t.  
*Proviso.*

Approved, December 17, 1942.

## [CHAPTER 739]

## AN ACT

To expedite the prosecution of war, and for other purposes.

December 17, 1942  
[H. R. 7575]  
[Public Law 808]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That whenever the Secretary of the Navy finds it impossible to make contracts or obtain facilities in the procurement or construction of items authorized in connection with the prosecution of war he is hereby authorized to provide, out of appropriations available to the Navy Department for such purposes, the necessary buildings, facilities, utilities, and appurtenances thereto on Government-owned land or elsewhere, and to provide for their operation, either by means of Government personnel or otherwise: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Navy shall report to the Congress, every three months, the contracts entered into under the provisions of this section.

Prosecution of war.  
Provision of facilities  
by Secretary of  
Navy.

*Proviso.*  
Report to Congress.

SEC. 2. The limit of cost of the vessels authorized by the Act of July 30, 1937 (50 Stat. 544) is hereby increased to \$60,000,000.

Auxiliary vessels.  
34 U. S. C. § 408c-1.

SEC. 3. The provisions of section 6 of the Act of August 24, 1912 (37 Stat. 555; U. S. C., title 5, sec. 652), shall not apply to any civil-service employee of the War or Navy Departments or of the Coast Guard, or their field services, whose immediate removal is, in the opinion of the Secretary concerned warranted by the demands of national security, but nothing herein shall be construed to repeal, modify, or suspend the proviso in that section. Those persons summarily removed under the authority of this section may, if in the opinion of the Secretary concerned, subsequent investigation so warrants, be reinstated, and if so reinstated may, in the discretion of the Secretary concerned, be allowed compensation for all or any part of the period of such removal in an amount not to exceed the difference between the amount such person would normally have earned during the period of such removal, at the rate he was receiving on the date of removal, and the interim net earnings of such person: *Provided*, That within thirty days after such removal any such person shall have an opportunity personally to appear before the official designated by the Secretary concerned and be fully informed of the reasons for such removal, and to submit, within thirty days thereafter, such statement or affidavits, or both, as he may desire to show why he should be retained and not removed.

Removal of certain  
civil-service employ-  
ees.

Reinstatement.

*Proviso.*  
Rights of removed  
persons.